

ITEMS OF INFORMATION
SPECIAL COUNCIL AGENDA – May 19, 2020

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Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
JANUARY	279	217	149	151	209	104
FEBRUARY	201	205	184	186	330	81
MARCH	273	248	364	213	283	84
APRIL	566	211	181	295	370	81
MAY	422	202	197	337	262	
JUNE	398	197	214	271	238	
JULY	567	171	146	345	349	
AUGUST	336	272	203	303	325	
SEPTEMBER	238	173	117	184	298	
OCTOBER	242	258	143	212	236	
NOVEMBER	302	153	164	248	108	
DECEMBER	200	102	127	276	71	
Total	4024	2409	2189	3021	3079	350

The above figures reflect tickets issued in Haldimand County from all sources including Haldimand County By-law Enforcement, the O.P.P., and various provincial ministries. They do not include Part II (Parking) issued offences.

Comprehensive POA Stats - 2020

Legislation / By-law Reference		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Summary of Charges Laid by OPP													
Highway Traffic Act (Part I - ticket)		86	53	72	76								
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)		11	12	10	3								
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02			1									
	By-law 302/02 (snow)	5											
	By-law 1534-15 Parks												
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74												
	By-law 38-74												
	By-law 11-79												
Noise	By-law 1435/14												
Open Air Fires	By-law 1662/16												
EMCPA	7.0.11(2)(a)				1								
Late Filed Part 1 Tickets	these #'s not included in total												
Total of all Charges Laid		102	65	83	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
										OPP Total: 330			
Summary of Charges Laid by County Staff													
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74												
	By-law 38-74												
	By-law 11-79												
Noise	By-law 1435/14												
Property Standards	By-law 730/06												
Ontario Building Code Act, 1992	Section 8(1) No Permit												
	Section 12(2) Fail to												
	Comply to Order												
Open Air Fires	1662/16												
Planning Act	562(67)(1)												
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00												
Fire Protection	By-law 28(1)												
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	25	11	1									
	By-law 302/02 (snow)												
Site Alteration By-law	By-law 1664/16	7											
Parks	By-law 1534/15												
Total of all Charges Laid		32	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
										Staff Total: 44			
Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies													
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry													
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)				2	1								
Ministry of Finance													
Ministry of Revenue													
Ministry of Transportation													
Ministry of Environment													
Ministry of Labour			16										
Ministry of Housing													
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs													
Ontario College of Trades													
Health Protection Act													
Total of all Charges Laid		0	16	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							Other Enforcement Agency Total: 19						
*Note: Total Charges (Excluding Parking) reflects what is recorded and reported regularly to Council (through the Council Information Package) and PSB for year-by-year historical trends. The historical trends spreadsheet does not capture parking tickets.							*Total Charges (Excluding Parking)		350				
							OPP Issued Parking Charges		6				
							Staff Issued Parking Charges		37				
							Total Parking Charges Issued		43				
							Total of All 2020 Charges		393				

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May 6, 2020

His Worship Ken Hewitt
Mayor
Haldimand County
53 Thorburn Street South
Cayuga ON N0A 1E0

Dear Mayor Hewitt:

The Ontario government is committed to building a safer and more reliable transportation system that will help keep goods moving and better connect municipalities throughout the province.

I am pleased to advise you that the Haldimand County has been selected for funding through the Ministry of Transportation 2020-21 Connecting Links Program. Your project may now proceed without delay upon receipt of this letter subject to the conditions noted below.

The ministry's maximum provincial contribution for your project is \$892,032 towards the resurfacing of Broad Street East.

Ministry staff will follow up with your municipality to provide the contribution agreement and discuss the milestones and other requirements that must be met. The ministry will require a signed agreement, accompanied with a council resolution before funding can be provided; however, as noted above, your project may proceed without delay upon receipt of this letter. Any eligible costs incurred in the interim will be reimbursable through the payment and reporting process.

I look forward to continuing our cooperative relationship and wish you success with your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Caroline Mulroney".

Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

c. Craig Manley, CAO



March 12, 2020

VIA Email (clerk@haldimandcounty.on.ca)

Evelyn Eichenbaum
Clerk
Haldimand County
P.O. Box 400
Cayuga, ON
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Dear Ms. Eichenbaum,

Re: Bill 108 request for letter of support for conservation authorities (CAs)

On May 2, 2019, the Province introduced Bill 108, entitled the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, as part of its Housing Supply Action Plan. Schedule 2 of this omnibus bill contained proposed revised wording for the amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Some provisions came into force when the Bill received Royal Assent, while others will come into force on a day to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor (through Cabinet) or by the Minister through regulation(s).

The Province has recently initiated multi-stakeholder engagement consultations related to Bill 108 Regulations and is seeking input from key stakeholders. Provincial review of conservation authority mandates and potential funding may have implications for municipalities.

Several municipal governments across the province have recently adopted council resolutions highlighting the critical role that CAs play as watershed and natural resource management agencies for their partner municipalities and communities. Municipalities are also advocating for an improved funding base for CAs from the Province to prevent further downloading.

We would like to thank Haldimand County for its continued support of conservation authorities and kindly request that a council resolution and a letter be sent to the Province in support of CA mandates (Niagara Peninsula and Grand River Conservation Authorities).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Jowett".

Helen Jowett
Chair, Grand River Conservation
Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Johnson".

Brenda Johnson
Chair, Niagara Peninsula
Conservation Authority



March 23, 2020

By Fax to: 613.941.6900 & Twitter @CanadianPM, @JustinTrudeau

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Langevin Block,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020 - Financial help to alleviate the suffering from COVID-19 Pandemic

It is trite to repeat the human and financial toll of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Similarly, the commitment of the federal, provincial and municipal governments toward alleviating the suffering of Canadians does not require repeating.

We, at the Town of Midland, in the Province of Ontario, are proposing what we believe to be a simple but effective solution to facilitate the delivery of our common and shared commitment to the financial and psychological well-being of all Canadians.

Proposal:

1. Residential Properties (primary residence only)

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed at or below \$ 500,000.00 by each governing provincial property assessment body; and
- b. Waive 50% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed below \$ 1,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed above \$1,000,000.00.

2. Industrial, Commercial and Farm Properties

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all; industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed at under \$ 10,000,000.00; and
- b. Waive 50% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed between \$10,000,000.00 and \$ 50,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties assessed above \$50,000,000.00.

3. Federal Transfer Payment to Canadian Municipalities

- a. In lieu of the annual municipal property taxes, the Federal Government transfers funds to municipalities across Canada, as a one-time grant.

Advantages of the Proposal:

1. Quick and timely relief;
2. Direct relief to all Canadian homeowners and the business community;
3. Directly protects Canadians who although may be solvent, are unable to easily meet the financial pressures beyond their personal capacity due to COVID-19;
4. No additional resources required to assess individual need and delivery of the relief;
5. Negligible overhead costs for the disbursement of the relief. In fact, it may cut-down on some of the work for municipal staff; and
6. The financial stimulus received from the federal government will come into circulation immediately and will stay in the community.

There are a multitude of other direct and indirect financial and non-financial benefits that will result from the implementation of this proposal. The biggest non-financial impact is that Canadians will see an immediate financial relief respecting the pressures to make their property tax payments and be better positioned to address other essential needs. In turn, removing this added stress will provide some relief to the already strained financial and health systems.

As you are aware, Canadians are entering this time of crisis with a very high amount of house-hold debt and a great deal of financial fragility. Taking this simple step should alleviate some of those pressures. At the same time, it will keep your municipal governments, and school boards primed for continued productivity and forward momentum to address the fallout from COVID-19.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable response.

Sincerely,

The Corporation of the Town of Midland



Stewart Strathearn,
Mayor
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Amanpreet Singh Sidhu,
Chief Administrative Officer
asidhu@midland.ca

c: Town of Midland Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Province of Ontario



April 21, 2020

To: Municipalities of Ontario – by email

Re: A Resolution to Request the Province of Ontario Review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme in Light of Economic Competitiveness Concerns between Rural and Urban Municipalities

Please be advised that at its March 10, 2020 meeting, the Council of the Township of Mapleton carried the following Resolution 2020-04-14:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario implemented changes to property assessment and introduced taxation reform which came into effect in 1998;
 AND WHEREAS prior to 1998 farm properties were subject to taxation at the base residential tax rate and qualified farmers applied annually to the province to be reimbursed 75% of the farm portion of the taxes paid to the local municipality;
 AND WHEREAS the province changed the method of delivering farmer's rebates by creating the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA);
 AND WHEREAS rather than apply annually and wait for property tax rebates, the delivery of the programme shifted to local municipal governments and onto the property tax system;
 AND WHEREAS eligible farmland assessment values are now locally subsidized by 75% of their full current value assessment (CVA) to produce a lower weighted assessment base which is used for tax rate setting purposes;
 AND WHEREAS the effect of the locally subsidized weighted assessment shifts an increased burden of tax onto all other property classes within the municipality;
 AND WHEREAS these taxation reforms were originally supposed to be revenue neutral and offset by funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and its predecessor the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF);
 AND WHEREAS the province has been reducing support from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund while the cost of the farm tax rebate programme is continuously increasing;
 AND WHEREAS an economically competitive agricultural industry provides affordable food and agricultural products to all Ontarians and is a provincial objective that should be cost shared amongst all of its citizens;
 AND WHEREAS the cost of this programme disproportionately falls upon property taxpayers in rural municipalities;
 AND WHEREAS higher property taxes in rural municipalities is creating economic competitiveness issues between rural and urban municipalities;

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Re: Prov. Review of Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme

AND WHEREAS the province hasn't undertaken a review of this programme since it was implemented in 1998;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Mapleton requests that:

1. The Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme to determine:
 - a. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
 - b. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme;
 - c. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
 - d. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities;
 - e. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate programme to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province-wide.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be sent to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, MPP Randy Pettapiece, Hon. Ted Arnott, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Attached you will find the County of Wellington Committee Report dated January 16, 2020 regarding the 'Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme' for review and consideration.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely

Larry Wheeler
Deputy Clerk

Attach. (1)



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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May 6, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable William Francis Morneau
Minister of Finance
90 Elgin Street
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister of Finance Morneau and Premier Ford:

Re: Support for Commercial Rent Assistance Program

At its meeting of May 4, 2020, the Town of Grimsby Council passed the following resolution:

*Moved by Councillor Ritchie; Seconded by Councillor Vaine;
Whereas these are unprecedented times that have not been seen in generations;
and,
Whereas on April 16, 2020 the Canadian Federal Government announced a new
program called the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance; and,
Whereas this program is to be developed in unison with the Provincial and
Territorial counterparts; and,*



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*Whereas this program is to provide relief to small business (in Grimsby and throughout Canada) with their rent for the months of April, May, and June; and,
Whereas many Provincial programs have been announced to date but have generally aimed at the residential, rather than the commercial, rent markets; and,
Whereas many small businesses in the Town of Grimsby have been affected financially due to COVID-19, thus making rent payments difficult;*

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Grimsby endorse this program whole heartedly, and request the Federal Government of Canada to work with its Provincial and Territorial Partners to expedite this program and offer this program as soon as possible; and,

Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby ask the Federal Government, and Provincial and Territorial Partners look at the possibility of extending this program if the impacts of COVID-19 continue past the month of June; and,

Be it further resolved that the Town of Grimsby ask the Federal Government and its Provincial, and Territorial Partners to make this program 100 percent forgiving to the small businesses effected; and,

Be it further resolved that this motion be distributed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Minister of Finance, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario

Regards,

Sarah Kim
Town Clerk

SK/dk

Cc: Ontario Municipalities



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